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Title: INORGANIC-HYDROGEN-POLYMER AND HYDROGEN-POLYMER
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AMENDMENT AND RESPONSE

Hon. Asst. Commissioner
of Patents and Trademarks
Washington, D.C. 20231

Sir:

In response to the Office Action dated September 11, 2000, please amend the present application as follows:

IN THE CLAIMS:

Delete claims 1-101 without prejudice. Applicant will prosecute the subject matter of claims 1-101 in a separate application since they relate to an invention distinct and independent from the invention recited in claims 102-121.

101. (Amended) A method of forming a compound comprising:

(a) at least one neutral, positive, or negative increased binding energy hydrogen species having a binding energy

(i) greater than the binding energy of the corresponding ordinary hydrogen